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# news release

NORMAN COUSINS TO ADDRESS  
UD POLITICAL SCIENTISTS

DAYTON, Ohio, October 4, 1978 --- Norman Cousins, the editor of Saturday Review, will speak at the 40th anniversary of the University of Dayton Department of Political Science Friday, October 13, at Grammers German Village Restaurant, at 6 p.m.

Cousins, a humanitarian who has undertaken peace keeping missions for Pope John XXIII and John F. Kennedy, assumed the editorship of the Saturday Review in 1940. Since that time, it has expanded its purview from that of a literary review to that of a review of ideas, the arts, and the human condition.

Cousins will be speaking to political science chairmen, faculty and students from the past 40 years. Invitations have been extended to nearly 1,200 former students. Out of that total, a significant number are lawyers, diplomats, public servants at every level of American government, college professors, elementary and secondary school teachers, business people, and labor union officials.

It was in 1938 that Brother Albert Rose helped establish a separate political science department at the University of Dayton. Up to that time the study of politics was done within the Department of History. For many years the names of Brother Rose and Brother Richard Liebler were synonymous with political science at UD. Brother Rose served as chairman until 1963 when Brother (now Father) Norbert Brockman succeeded him. In 1969, Dr. Antonio Lapitan succeeded Brockman. As of July of this year, Dr. Gerald Kerns succeeded Lapitan. Rose, Liebler, and Lapitan will receive special tribute at the anniversary dinner.

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The assembled audience will be listening to Cousins, a man of letters who has launched humanitarian projects through the pages of his magazine. Following a 1949 visit to Japan, he initiated a plan to provide care and education for some 440 children orphaned by the bombing of Hiroshima. In 1955, he arranged for a group of young women disfigured by bombing -- the Hiroshima Maidens -- to come to the United States for plastic surgery and medical treatment, with support and help from interested readers and physicians. In 1958-'59, he similarly arranged for 38 Polish women, mutilated by Nazi medical experiments to receive medial treatment in this country.

Since 1941, his writings have regularly reflected his direct involvement in seeking solutions to the problems of the nuclear age. In 1962-'63, Cousins, on behalf of Pope John XXIII, negotiated with Premier Nikita Khrushchev for the release of Cardinals Josyph Slipyi, of the Ukraine, and Joseph Beran of Czechoslovakia, who had been interned under Premier Stalin's regime. In 1963, acting as intermediary between President John F. Kennedy and Premier Khrushchev, he was instrumental in breaking the impasse in nuclear test-ban negotiations.

Cousins has been the recipient of several public service awards, including 33 honorary degrees. He has authored 10 books and edited 4 other publications.